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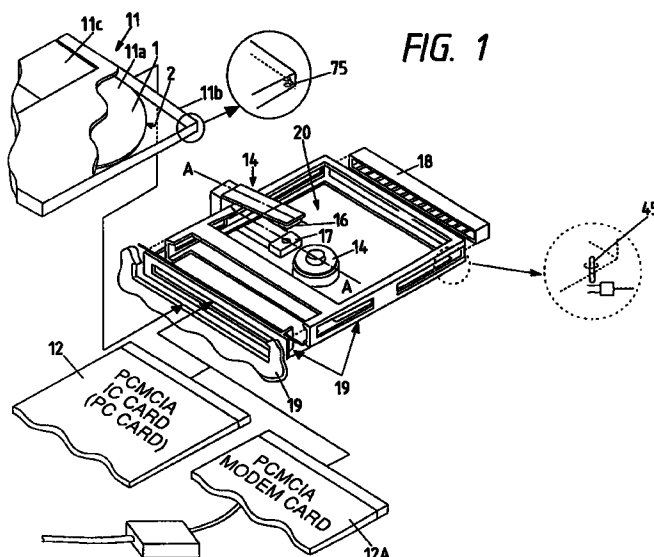
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(54) **Recording and reproducing apparatus**

(57) Herein disclosed is an information recording/reproducing apparatus being adaptable to both a disk-shaped recording medium and a card-shaped recording medium. The information recording/reproducing apparatus comprises a loading mechanism adapted to position the disk-shaped recording medium 11a having an optical recording surface on one side and a magnetic recording surface on the other side, a recording/reproducing disk 11 with a cartridge 11b, and

an IC card 12, a space 20 formed in the recording/reproducing apparatus in which a retractable magnetic head 16, a light pickup 17, a clammer 14, a socket connected with the IC card are disposed in the vicinity of the loading mechanism. The recording/reproducing disk 11 and the IC card can be loaded in the commonly usable space 20.



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